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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUAYAQUIL 378

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TAGS: PINT, EC

SUBJECT: GUAYAQUIL BUSINESS LEADERS ARRESTED

SUMMARY: TWO LEADING GUAYAQUIL INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE BEEN SUMMARILY ARRESTED OVER AN OLD GOE TAX CLAIM WHICH HAD LONG SINCE BEEN DECIDED

IN

THEIR FAVOR. ORDERED BY THE EXTRA- JUDICIAL SPECIAL TRIBUNAL, THE CASE HAS GIVEN RISE TO AN EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC OUTCRY ON BEHALF OF THE DETAINEES, WHO ARE IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL OLIGARCHY.

REPORTEDLY BEHIND THE ARRESTS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ, IS THE AMBITIOUS FORMER GUAYAQUIL MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER. IF RESOLVED QUICKLY AND GRACEFULLY, THE INCIDENT MAY HAVE,

FROM THE MILITARY REGIME' S VIEW, A USEFUL INSTRUCTIVE EFFECT. HOWEVER AS SEEN HERE IT MAY PROVE TO BE A KEY EVENT IN UNITING POWERFUL CIVILIAN ECONOMIC FORCES IN GUAYAQUIL AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, USUALLY A FORERUNNER OF POLITICAL CHANGE IN ECUADOR.

1. LEON FEBRES- CORDERO, MANAGER OF INDUSTRIAL MOLINERA, ONE OF GUAYAQUIL' S (AND ECUADOR' S) TWO LARGEST FLOUR MILLS, AND ENRIQUE PONCE- LUQUE, INDUSTRIAL MOLINERA' S VICE PRESIDENT, WERE SUMMARILY ARRESTED BY ORDERS OF THE FIRST SPECIAL TRIBUNAL AND HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE LOCAL PENITENTIARY BY AGENTS OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL SECURITY. THE INCIDENT ARISES OUT OF A NINE- YEAR OLD DISPUTE WITH THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OVER THE COMPANY' S LIABILITY
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PAGE 02 GUAYAQ 00378 110IT DEPARTURE BEFORE JUNE 1 AND THAT HE MUST
RETURN PRIOR JULY 15, NECESSITATING DEPARTURE BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND 15.
PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ACTION ON THIS REQUEST.

4. MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON PORGRAMMING CU
LABOR TEAMS FOR PRESENT CALENDAR YEAR.
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